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FM AMEMBASSY BUCHAREST  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1097  
INFO AMEMBASSY ATHENS  
AMEMBASSY BELGRADE  
AMEMBASSY MOSCOW  
AMEMBASSY PARIS  
USLO PEKING  
AMEMBASSY ROME  
AMEMBASSY SOFIA  
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C O N F I D E N T I A L BUCHAREST 5723

E.O. 11652:GDS  
TAGS: PEPR CH AL YO UR RO

SUBJECT: ALBANIAN PERSPECTIVES ON POST-CUTOFF PROSPECTS

REF: BUCHAREST 5684

1. IN MEETING WITH DCM AUGUST 15, TIMES OF LONDON CORRESPONDENT DESSA TREVISAN, RESIDENT IN BELGRADE, SAID ALBANIAN EMBASSY THERE HAD SENT CAR AND DRIVER TO BRING HER TO EMBASSY TO ASK QUESTIONS ON ANTI-CHINESE LETTER PUBLISHED JULY 29, ON SAME DAY (JULY 29 OR 30) EMBASSY HAD SENT HER COPY OF LETTER. SHE WAS RECEIVED PERSONALLY BY AMBASSADOR.

2. ACCORDING TO TREVISAN, AMBASSADOR HAD NOTED IN PASSING STATEMENT IN LETTER THAT ROMANIANS AND YUGOSLAVS MAY NOT HAVE KNOWN THAT CHINESE HAD ENCOURAGED ALBANIANS TO ENTER CONFIDENTIAL

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INTO MILITARY ARRANGEMENT WITH THEM, BUT HE ALSO POINTED TO CONTINUING YUGOSLAV-ROMANIAN MILITARY COLLABORATION, WITH SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO YUGOSLAV DEFMIN LJUBOCIC'S RECENT VISIT TO ROMANIA, AS EVIDENCE OF DANGERS WHICH WOULD HAVE FACED ALBANIA IF IT HAD AGREED, GIVEN ROMANIAN WP MEMBERSHIP.

3. MOST OF CONVERSATION, NEVERTHELESS, WAS DEVOTED TO ALBANIAN "ISOLATIONISM" CHINESE ARE NOW SPREADING STORY THAT ALBANIA IS ISOLATED, AMBASSADOR HAD SAID, AND THIS IS NOT TRUE. ALBANIA COULD DEVELOP RELATIONS WITH FRANCE, PRIMARILY IN ECONOMIC FIELD; ALBANIA RECOGNIZED FRANCE HAD DIFFERENT SOCIAL SYSTEM AND POLICIES, AND WAS NATO MEMBER, BUT THERE WERE POSSIBILITIES. OR, TAKE BULGARIA, A MEMBER OF WARSAW PACT; HERE TOO THERE WERE POSSIBILITIES. AMBASSADOR ALSO MENTIONED ITALY.

4. THERE HAD BEEN SPECULATION IN WESTERN PRESS THAT ALBANIA WOULD NOW MOVE TOWARD USSR, AMBASSADOR WENT ON, BUT UNLIKE COUNTRIES HE HAD MENTIONED, USSR IS NOT NOW AND WILL NOT BE COUNTRY WITH WHOM ALBANIA COULD DEVELOP RELATIONS. THUS, THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO BASIS FOR SUCH SPECULATION.

5. COMMENT. TREVISAN HERSELF SPECULATED THAT EVEN IF USSR WAS EMPHATICALLY ABSENT FROM AMBASSADOR'S LINEUP, BULGARIA MIGHT DO NICELY AS SURROGATE AND CONDUIT FOR EXPANSION OF SOVIET-ALBANIAN TRADE TIES. SHE ALSO MENTIONED SHE HAD BEEN TO ALBANIAN EMBASSY BUCHAREST AUGUST 15, AND WAS TOLD THERE THAT ALBANIAN AMBASSADOR WOULD NOT RPT NOT ATTEND FESTIVITIES FOR HUA TO WHICH OTHER CHIEFS OF MISSION INVITED. INFO HAD BEEN IMMEDIATELY SOFTENED TO "WE DO NO KNOW" BY OFFICIAL

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MORE SENIOR THAN ONE SHE HAD SPOKEN TO FIRST, BUT SHE THOUGHT IT SOUNDED RIGHT.

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